

REMARKS

Claims 11-17, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 66, 67 and 70-81 are pending with claims 11, 17 and 70-72 being independent. Claims 11, 17, 66 and 67 have been amended; claims 1-10, 18-28, 31, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 56, 58-65, 68 and 69 have been canceled by this amendment; claims 34 and 57 were previously canceled; and claims 70-81 have been added. Support for the amendments to claims 11 and 17 and new independent claims 70 and 71 may be found in the application at Fig. 6 and page 23, line 4 to page 24, line 12. Support for new independent claim 72 may be found in the application at Fig. 5D and page 21, lines 1-12. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 11-17, 29, 30, 33, 35, 36, 44, 45, 50, 51, 53, 54, 66 and 67, including independent claims 11 and 17 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Uchida in view of Fukuzumi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Uchida, Fukuzumi, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests sending a password as data to a mating party (or a manager) after the authentication end signal is sent to the mating party (or the manager), transmitting a re-write approval signal having information representing approval of re-write of the reference living body information from the mating party (or the manager) when the password is authenticated as correct on the mating party (or the manager), and rewriting the reference living body information after the user receives the re-write approval signal from the mating party (or the manager), as recited in claim 11 (or claim 17).

Claims 38, 39, 41, 42 and 47 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Uchida in view of Fukuzumi and Li. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Li does not remedy the failure of Uchida and Fukuzumi to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

New independent claims 70 and 71 recite features similar to those discussed above with respect to claims 11 and 17, and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons.


New independent claim 72 is believed to be allowable because the art of record does not describe or suggest starting directly a communication between the user and a mating party

through a manager after the mating party receives an authentication end signal, as recited in claim 72.

The fee in the amount of \$120 for the one-month extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06 1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 11, 2006



John F. Hayden
Reg. No. 37,640

Customer No. 26171
Fish & Richardson P.C.
1425 K Street, N.W., 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005-3500
Telephone: (202) 783-5070
Facsimile: (202) 783-2331